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Cemaes Rural District Council

ANNUAL
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OF THE
DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1967

C E M A E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T .

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1967.

Caravanning.

There has been an increase in holiday caravanning in the district during recent years; the largest sites are situated at Poppit Sands, Newport and Dinas Cross. Public health problems arise from time to time, but it has been possible to solve all these.

Housing.

With the council building and the modification of older properties, together with private building, the housing position throughout the district is reasonably satisfactory.

Infectious Disease.

Only five cases of Measles were notified during the year and it is to be hoped that with vaccination, this disease will soon become uncommon in this country.

It is known that Brucella abortus infection exists in our dairy herds, but it is hoped that with the introduction of the Brucellosis (Accredited Herd) Scheme, brucella-free herds will be established in the district. A Pasteurisation Order was made on one farm as a precautionary measure, although the farm was not registered as a Producer/Retailer.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Council and its Officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Yours obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)

1967..... 8,330

	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1966</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England &</u> <u>Wales</u>
Live Births	100	121		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.0	14.45	17.5	17.2
Illegitimate Live Births	8	7		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	8	5.78		
Still Births	2	1		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	19.6	8.2	19	14.8
Total Live and Still Births	102	122		
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1yr)	2	3		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	20	24.8	19	18.3
- legitimate	20	24.8		
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate(deaths under 4wks) (per 1,000 Live births)	Nil	16.52	11.63	12.5
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 wk)(per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	9.3	10.8
Peri-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1wk & Still births combined)(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	9.8	8.2	28	25.4

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Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	1.14	0.20
Deaths	117	120		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.0	14.34	11.9	11.2

INFANT MORTALITY.

Two infants died under the age of 1 year, during 1967; one male and one female, details are as follows :-

<u>Age at death.</u>	<u>Birth Weight.</u>	<u>Cause of Death.</u>
1) 1 month (F)	6lbs.9ozs.	Bronchopneumonia.
2) 8 months (M)	7lbs.13ozs.	Asphyxia due to inhalation of vomit.

DEATHS.(General)

The general death rate has decreased again this year, although it is still above the county and national rates. There were 17 deaths from malignant disease during the year, but only one, a female patient, died from cancer of the lung and her smoking habits, if any, are not known. Of the total 117 deaths, 42 were due to heart disease (36%).

Approximately 30% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and 25% in persons over 80 years of age.

A summary of the causes of death will be found overleaf.

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<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	57	60
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	10
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	9
Coronary disease, angina	19	9
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart disease	4	7
Other circulatory disease	4	2
Pneumonia	1	3
Bronchitis	7	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	5
Motor vehicle accidents	-	2
All other accidents	1	2

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were 12 cases of infectious disease notified during the year, as follows :-

Measles	5
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1
Food Poisoning... ..	6

TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to report that there were no deaths again this year, from Tuberculosis, and only one new case was notified; this was a female patient in the 55 - 64 age group.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. Vaccination.

B.C.G.vaccination of schoolchildren (13 years and over), and contacts, continued to be carried out during the year. 87 school children were skin tested and 85 vaccinated; 2 contacts were skin tested and both these required vaccination. Dr. D. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, continues to vaccinate contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Newport in July, when a total of 119 persons were examined, and Crymmych in September, when 201 persons were examined. The results are as follows :-

<u>NEWPORT.</u>	<u>Grand Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total no. examined	119	59	60
No. found to be abnormal	4(3.3%)	1	3
No. requiring further observation	1(0.84%)	-	1
Other abnormalities of chest	3(2.52%)	1	2
<u>Summary of abnormalities (4)</u>	<u>Age Groups.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	45 - 59	1	2
	60 & over	-	1
		1	3

<u>Details of other abnormalities(3)</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Non-malignant neoplasn	-	1
Acquired cardiac abnormalities & abnormalities of vascular system	-	1
Pneumoconiosis (stage unknown)	1	-
	1	2

<u>CYMMYCH.</u>	<u>Grand Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total no. examined	201	84	117
No. found to be abnormal	18(8.96%)	10	8
No. requiring further observation	5(2.49%)	2	3
Other abnormalities of chest	13(6.47%)	8	5
<u>Summary of abnormalities (18)</u>	<u>Age Groups.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	35 - 44	2	-
	45 - 59	1	5
	60 & over	7	3
		10	8

<u>Details of other abnormalities(13)</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Healed post-primary Tuberculosis	1	1
Abnormality of bony thorax and soft tissues	1	1
Acquired cardiac abnormalities and abnormalities of vascular system	4	3
Pulmonary fibrosis(non-tuberculous)	1	-
Pleural thickening or calcification	1	-
	8	5

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

Local Health Services.

Vaccination against Smallpox and Poliomyelitis and immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus continues to be carried out in the district. From 1st April 1967, general practitioners are required to send their records for vaccinations and immunisations direct to the Executive Council, for payment, instead of to the County Council as before. As a result, figures of this work carried out are only available annually and these are given below, for the whole county :-

Primary Smallpox vaccinations:	942	Re-vaccinations:	209
Diphtheria Immunisations:	1899	"Booster" doses:	2132
Whooping Cough Immunisations:	1716		
Tetanus Immunisations:	1960	"Booster" doses:	2175
Primary Poliomyelitis vaccs:	1840	"Booster" doses	1315.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The County Council is responsible for the running of this service and there are ten ambulances based at various points in the County - one at Tegryn. Cars are occasionally hired for certain sitting cases.

During the year, the Tegryn Ambulance travelled a total of 27,888 miles, conveying 1703 sitting cases and 136 stretcher cases, thus averaging 15 miles per patient.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under the above Section during 1967.

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CARAVAN SITES.

The control and inspection of holiday caravan and tent sites played an important part in the public health work during the holiday season. There are 15 authorised sites in the district, with the permitted number of caravans licensed being 508.

SHOPS, OFFICES AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960.

The enforcing of the law regarding the premises covered by the above legislation was again dealt with as one in their administration. No serious complaint or circumstance was met with during 1967.

Unfit Food.

It was found necessary to condemn 17lbs. of various Tinned Foods during the year.

HOUSING.

During the year, it was decided to build further council houses and/or bungalows at St. Dogmaels and Cilgerran and 23 dwellings were completed at Newport.

Private Development.

During the year, 12 dwellings were completed and occupied and 17 dwellings were under construction.

Improvement Grants.

During 1967, the Council approved of
14 Standard Grants, and
14 Discretionary Grants.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

Total no. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	10
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column	10
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (excluding those in previous column)	Nil
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	Nil

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Housing Act 1936, Sections 9,10 & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (by owners)	Nil

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (by owners)	Nil

Housing Act 1936, Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	Nil

Housing Act 1936, Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	Nil
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HOUSING ACT 1936 PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	1
No. of families dwelling therein	1
No. of persons dwelling therein	6
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	Nil	
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	Nil	

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1961.

INSPECTIONS.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No.on</u>	<u>Inspect-</u>	<u>Notices.</u>	<u>Prosecutions.</u>
	<u>Register.</u>	<u>ions.</u>		
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.				
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.				
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding Out-workers' premises).				
TOTAL:		N	I	L

WATER SUPPLY.

The main water supply is sampled regularly by the personnel of the Pembrokeshire Water Board and has generally proved to be satisfactory.

SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The following villages now have a sewerage scheme :-

Abercych.
Boncath - extensions are required.
Cilgerran - improvements are proposed.
Crymmych.
Dinas - work on this scheme is nearing completion.
Eglwyswrw - work commenced on this scheme in July.
Glogue.
Hernon.
Llyncelyn.
Moylegrove.
Newchapel.
Newport - improvements are proposed.
Pontrhydyceirt.
St. Dogmaels.
Rhoshill.

CESSPOOLS.

A cesspool emptier has been purchased and it is serving a very useful purpose.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Conveniences have been provided at the following places :-

Cilgerran.	Nevern.
Crymmych.	Parrog.
Cwmyreglwys.	Poppit.
Pwllgwaelod.	St. Dogmaels.
Newport (2).	Traethnawr.

Public conveniences have also been approved at Dinas and Eglwyswrw, but so far suitable sites have not been obtained.

T.L.BOWEN,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

